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### Charlotte BIKES Bicycle Plan

**Action:**

**Approve the Transportation and Planning Committee's recommendation to adopt the Charlotte BIKES Bicycle Plan.**

**Committee Chair:**

Vi Lyles, Transportation and Planning

**Staff Resource(s):**

Danny Pleasant, Transportation  
Benjamin Miller, Transportation

**Explanation**

- Charlotte BIKES Bicycle Plan (Charlotte BIKES) updates the 2008 Charlotte Bicycle Plan and sets a vision of an inclusive cycling environment where people of all ages and abilities can use their bikes for transportation, fitness, and fun.
- Charlotte BIKES identifies goals and shorter-term strategies and initiatives to both expand the City's network of bicycle facilities as well as create a culture which recognizes and welcomes bicycling as a safe and affordable means of transportation.
- Charlotte BIKES is an extension of the recently adopted Transportation Action Plan.

**Community Input**

- Since March 2016, public input was gathered.
- A public draft of Charlotte BIKES was released for review and comment on February 13, 2017.
- The Bicycle Advisory Committee was a key stakeholder and focus group for the development of Charlotte BIKES.

**Charlotte BIKES Recommendations**

- The content and strategies of Charlotte BIKES are organized around the six "E's" of a bicycle-friendly city:
  - Education
  - Engineering
  - Encouragement
  - Enforcement
  - Equity
  - Evaluation and planning
- Three key recommendations from the plan include:
  - Creating a bicycle network and bicycle-related programming that benefits people of all ages, abilities and neighborhoods in Charlotte,

- Incorporating the latest in bikeway design guidance, and
- Funding a bicycle program that addresses all aspects of creating a bicycle-friendly city.

#### **Transportation and Planning Committee Discussion**

- The Transportation and Planning Committee discussed Charlotte BIKES on five separate occasions over the past year.
- On April 24, 2017, City Council received public comments at a Citizens' Forum. Sixteen speakers spoke in support of Charlotte BIKES, with none opposed.
- On May 8, 2017, staff addressed comments and plan modifications as a result of comments received from the public at the April 24 Citizens' Forum. The Committee voted (Lyles, Kinsey and Phipps in favor; Smith opposed) to recommend Charlotte BIKES for adoption.

#### **Attachment(s)**

The Charlotte BIKES Plan can be found online at:

[http://charlottenc.gov/Transportation/Programs/Documents/ Charlotte%20BIKES9\\_PublicCommentDraft.pdf](http://charlottenc.gov/Transportation/Programs/Documents/Charlotte%20BIKES9_PublicCommentDraft.pdf)